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Subject: Congressional Inquiry into NHEERL Animal Testing
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Good afternoon;

On July 16, 2018, six members of Congress sent a letter of inquiry to Acting Administrator Wheeler, requesting information about NHEERL animal testing (attached). I am collecting information to respond to the inquiry, and I need your help.

The specific points which much be addressed for each of your Divisions by Friday morning are as follows:

1. Animal use: How many animals, by species, were used in NHEERL testing each year since FY2015? The Animal Resources Program Office can answer this question.
2. Cost to taxpayers: How much taxpayer money was spent on NHEERL animal testing each year since FY2015? The Animal Resources Program Office will provide information regarding animal costs. Please provide information regarding project costs. I wish to keep the responses to this inquiry congruent with the current WCW FOIA, as the Congressmen on this inquiry are also quoting WCW data when they speak of EPA on the floor of Congress. Discrepancies would be a bad idea.
3. Current projects: How- many current projects at NHEERL involve animal testing? Please provide a list of the projects, including project titles, start and end dates, budgets, and objectives. The Animal Resources Program Office will provide information on IACUC approved protocols including titles, objectives, and start and end dates. Protocol specific budgets are a bit harder. If you were provided with the spreadsheet (which doesn't exist yet), would you be able to provide budget information? The cost of animals broken down by protocol can be provided by this office.
4. Alternatives to animal tests: What efforts has NHEERL engaged in to develop and implement alternatives to animal testing? We have a pretty good start on the answer here, and Ron Hines will be weighing in as well. But if you have something specific and pertinent, please let me know.

Question 5, in the letter, does not require input from the Divisions.

These answers can be best estimates, though please identify them as such.

I apologize for the very short deadline. I received notice of the need to respond last night after hours, and am reaching out to you all as quickly as I can.

Thank you for your time and assistance;
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